

Remarks

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed July 8, 2005, in which the subject matter of claims 1, 2 and 5, and claims 1 and 6 were indicated as being allowed over the prior art of record in paragraph 10 of the Action. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, the indicated subject matter of claims 2 and 5 are incorporated into claim 1 and the allowable subject matter of claim 6 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1. In addition, claims 2-5 are cancelled, the subject matter of claim 3 is rewritten as new dependent claim 9 and claim 7 is amended to depend from claim 9. Accordingly, claims 1, 6-7, and 9 are pending in the instant application.

The drawings were objected for the reasons set forth in paragraph 2 of the Action. The foregoing amendment to the claims cancels claim 4 and thus, it is submitted that this rejection has been rendered moot. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 6 clearly recite the means for clamping the broach between the pull and retrieving heads, one exemplary embodiment of which is recited on page 15, line 28 through page 16, line 13, and page 16, line 27 through page 17, line 7 of the present specification. Claim 4 has been canceled rendering moot the rejection to that claim. In addition, claims 5 and 6 are amended to recite that the pull end of the broach has engagement grooves and a pair of parallel flat faces formed on opposite sides thereof, respectively, as described on page 17, lines 25-27 and page 15, lines 25-26 of the present specification, respectively. As stated

above, the areas noted in the Action have been amended to conform with the originally-filed disclosure and thus, claims 1, 6-7 and 9 are fully enabled under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

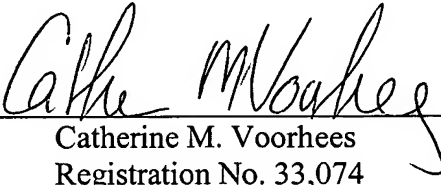
Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons set forth in paragraph 5 of the Action. As stated above, claims 1 and 6 have been amended taken into account the areas indicated in the Action. In addition, claim 3 has been rewritten and presented as claim 9 and claims 1 and 6 are further amended to obviate formalities identified during Applicants' review of the claims. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1, 6-7 and 9 are fully definite under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

In that claims 1, 6-7 and 9 are pending in the instant application and the subject matter of independent claims 1 and 6 has been indicated as being allowable over the art of record, it is believed that the instant application is in condition for allowance. In particular, claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the features of original claims 1 and 2, and claim 6 is written in independent form. Dependent claims 7 and 9 depend either directly or indirectly from indicated-allowable claim 1 (claims 1+2+5). In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance and Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowability indicating the same.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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